



Washington County Land Use Authority Meeting July 14, 2009

Item #7. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. Request permission to install a proposed 100' lattice tower within the RA-1 zone, on 1 acre of land owned by the Theresa Haury, in Veyo. Atlas Tower, LLC, Tower Owner and WiBlue, Inc./Nathan Foster, applicant.

The planner explained that communication towers are conditionally approved within the RA-1 zone. The applicant has submitted the site location plan and a drawing of the tower. The one hundred foot (100') tower meets the height requirement of the ordinance. There is a requirement for colocation and accessory equipment shelters will be reviewed. This application meets the requirement for a "lattice type" tower and there may be no need for a "fall" zone to be created, as this tower is located far enough away from water tanks on the adjacent property and the Ag/Manufacturing Bldg. on private property, with the leased area being 30' x 40' and the tower being centrally located.

Commissioner Wilson stated a possible conflict because he, in his capacity as a Water Conservancy District employee, has worked with the applicant for about six (6) months.

Jerome Gourley, representing the applicant, explained the need for a new tower because the wireless signal is not good in the area. The big 4 carriers: Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint Nextel have already expressed interest in using this tower to enhance the signal for their local subscribers. There will be a lease hold agreement with the property owner. Mr. Gourley said that they would like to move a little bit closer to the water tank and take less of the applicant's yard. Bush & Gudgell will do the engineering and survey work for the project, and then it will be reviewed by County Staff and Engineers. There will be an emergency broadcast capability because the FCC has required them to install E-911 on all towers. There is an adequate fall zone.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to recommend approval for a Conditional Use Permit to install a proposed 100' lattice tower within the RA-1 zone in Veyo, for a period of one (1) year. Commissioner Cropper seconded the motion. Commissioner Wilson abstained. Four(4) commissioners voted Aye. The motion carried.